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METHODS FOR EFFECTUATING mRNA TRANSFER OF GENETIC INFORMATION BETWEEN SPECIES AND PRODUCT OF THE SAME

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RESPONSE

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Sir:

Introductory Comments

This is submitted in response to an official action bearing a mailing date of 25 September 2006 in which the examiner accepted the drawings previously filed in the application but rejected claims 1 through 11, 15, 22, 25, 28, 29, 31, 33 through 36, 38, 40, 42, 43, 45, 47 through 50, 52, 54, 56, 59, 61, 64 and 66 through 73.

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The examiner also objected to claim 47 as being substantially a duplicate of claim 33.

Applicant traverses the rejection of the claims and the objection to claim 47. Claim 47 has been amended to obviate the objection and is now drawn to another corn variety.

Please amend the claims of this application as follows: